

What is claimed:

1. A method for assembling a motor vehicle door having a structural door body, a plurality of hardware components, a secondary trim component, and a trim panel, the method comprising the steps of:
 - providing said trim panel with a map pocket opening;
 - providing said secondary trim component with a map pocket wall;
 - affixing the plurality of hardware components to the secondary trim component to form a door module assembly;
 - installing the door module assembly to the structural door body;
 - securing the trim panel to the structural door body overlaying the door module assembly, said trim panel cooperating with the secondary trim component to define a map pocket.
- 15 2. A method as set forth in claim 1 including the step of forming access holes in the structural door body prior to the step of installing the door module assembly to the structural door body.
- 20 3. A method as set forth in claim 2 wherein the installing step includes at least partially inserting the door module assembly into the access holes of the structural door body.
- 25 4. A method as set forth in claim 3 wherein the affixing step includes aligning each of the plurality of hardware components along the secondary trim component for orientation relative to the structural door body.
- 30 5. A method as set forth in claim 4 including the step of removing the trim panel from the structural door body to expose a portion of the access holes for accessing one of the plurality of hardware components secured to the structural door body.

6. A method for assembling a motor vehicle door having a structural door body, a plurality of hardware components, a map pocket component, and a trim panel, the method comprising the steps of:

affixing the plurality of hardware components to the map pocket component to
5 form a door module assembly;

installing the door module assembly to the structural door body; and
securing the trim panel to the structural door body overlaying the door module
assembly.

10 7. A method as set forth in claim 6 including the step of forming the access holes in the structural door body prior to the step of installing the door module assembly to the structural door body.

15 8. A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein the installing step includes at least partially inserting the door module assembly into the access holes of the structural door body.

20 9. A method as set forth in claim 8 wherein the affixing step includes aligning each of the plurality of hardware components along the map pocket component for orientation relative to the structural door body.

25 10. A method as set forth in claim 9 including the step of removing the trim panel from the structural door body to expose a portion of the access holes for accessing one of the plurality of hardware components secured to the structural door body.

11. A door module comprising
a trim panel having a map pocket opening;
a secondary trim component having a map pocket wall;
30 a plurality of door hardware components affixed to the secondary trim component;

said trim panel cooperating with the secondary trim component to define a map pocket when the trim panel overlays said secondary trim component.

12. The door module according to claim 11, wherein the secondary trim
5 component is formed from molded plastic.

13. The door module according to claim 12, wherein the secondary trim component includes an integrated speaker housing.

10 14. The door module according to claim 12, wherein the secondary trim component includes an integrated energy absorbing structure.

15 15. The door module according to claim 12, wherein the secondary trim component includes a sealing bead around the perimeter thereof for sealing the component against a door structure, whereby one side of the secondary trim component is waterproofed .

20 16. The door module according to claim 15, wherein the secondary trim component includes a mount for mounting a window regulator motor on the waterproofed side of the secondary trim component.

25 17. The door module according to claim 12, wherein the secondary trim component includes at least one integral hinge disposed so as to create a moveable flap in the secondary trim component.

18. The door module according to claim 12, wherein the secondary trim component includes integrated rails for releasably mounting a latch presenter having guide channels slideable on the rail.

30 19. The door module according to claim 18, wherein one rail is shorter in length than the other.

20. The door module according to claim 11, wherein the secondary trim component and the trim panel each have parts of an interconnect structure for temporarily stacking the trim panel against the secondary trim component for shipping.

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21. The door module according to claim 11, wherein the trim panel is provided in upper and lower sections, the lower section having said map pocket opening.

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22. The door module according to claim 21, wherein the secondary trim component and the upper and lower trim panel sections each have parts of an interconnect structure for temporarily stacking the upper trim panel section against the lower trim panel section and the lower trim panel section against the secondary trim component for shipping.

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23. A method for assembling a motor vehicle door having a structural door body, a plurality of hardware components, a secondary trim component, and a trim panel, the method comprising:

providing the trim panel with a finished surface intended to be observed from a passenger compartment, the finished surface having an opening therein;

providing the secondary trim component wherein one side thereof has a finished surface area portion, the secondary trim component having a plurality of hardware components affixed thereto at locations other than the finished surface area portion;

removeably attaching the trim panel against the secondary trim component, to thereby provide a unitized handling assembly;

securing a portion of the handling assembly to the structural door body;

removing the trim panel from the handling assembly, overlaying the trim panel in a pre-configured orientation over the secondary trim component and securing the trim panel to the structural door body, said trim panel cooperating with the secondary trim component such that the finished surface area of the secondary trim component covers the opening in the trim panel.

24. The method according to claim 23, wherein the opening in the trim panel defines a map pocket opening and wherein the finished surface area of the secondary trim component defines a map pocket wall.

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25. A method for assembling a motor vehicle door having a structural door body, a plurality of hardware components, a secondary trim component, and a trim panel provided in upper and lower sections, the method comprising:

providing each of the upper and lower sections of the trim panel with a finished surface intended to be observed from a passenger compartment, at least one of the panels having an opening therein;

providing the secondary trim component wherein one side thereof has a finished surface area portion, the secondary trim component having a plurality of hardware components affixed thereto at locations other than the finished surface area portion;

removeably attaching the upper trim panel section, the lower trim panel section and the secondary trim component against one another to thereby provide a unitized handling assembly;

securing a portion of the handling assembly to the structural door body;

removing the upper and lower trim panel sections from the handling assembly, securing any remaining hardware to the structural door body;

overlaying the lower and upper trim panel sections in pre-configured orientation over the secondary trim component and securing the trim panels to the structural door body, the trim panel section having said opening cooperating with the secondary trim component such that the finished surface area of the secondary trim component covers the opening in the trim panel.

26. The method according to claim 25, wherein the lower trim panel section has said opening which defines a map pocket opening and wherein the finished surface area of the secondary trim component defines a map pocket wall.